# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL TRADE IN WILDLIFE
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `E-auction of tiger skin raises a stink` appearing in the Times of India dated March 19, 2002;

(b) if so, the details and facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the details of the findings of inquiries, if any, made in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken to remedy the situation?

## Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b),(c)&(d) One Shri Deepak Chandra of Meerut had listed a trophy of tiger on Bazee.com in November 2001 for Guinness book of records for having largest tiger skin. The Regional Deputy Director, Wild Life Preservation, New Delhi, conducted raid in the premises of Shri Chandra at Meerut on 8.3.2002 and found a mounted tiger skin displayed on the wall.On enquiry, it was revealed that Shri Chandra had a ownership certificate issued by the office of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttar Pradesh.According to Section 43 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, any person who has a wildlife article, duly covered by a certificate of ownership, can sell or offer for sale such article. As such Shri Chandra is not guilty of violation of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 in any way.